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WASHINGTON, July 10, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 5 totaled an estimated 14.0 billion ton-miles, 0.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 453.7 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent lower than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 5 totaled 304,703, up 1.0 percent from last year, but 22.1 percent lower than the previous non-holiday week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.2 percent in the East, and 1.6 percent in the West, but down 6.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, metallic ores showed a gain of 3,103 cars (24.5 percent) and food and kindred products increased by 1,146 cars (13.7 percent). Twenty of the 21 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 28 totaled 97,745 trailers and/or containers, 5.9 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 2,429,013, trailers and/or containers, up 9.8 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/05/86:

	Loadings in Week ended July 5, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,476	D	1,449	6.3	D	5,797	21.3
Other farm products	3,565	I	523	17.2	D	675	15.9
Metallic ores	15,744	I	3,103	24.5	I	276	1.8
Coal	76,601	D	3,556	4.4	D	38,619	33.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,882	D	132	1.2	D	3,412	23.9
Nonmetallic minerals	8,284	D	1,668	16.8	D	1,022	11.0
Grain mill products	9,156	I	632	7.4	D	1,389	13.2
Food and kindred products	9,481	I	1,146	13.7	D	1,940	17.0
Primary forest products	7,764	D	581	7.0	D	2,753	26.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,783	I	934	19.3	D	2,596	31.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,845	D	321	2.6	D	1,318	10.0
Chemicals and allied products	19,876	I	882	4.6	D	2,802	12.4
Petroleum products	4,059	D	4	0.1	D	892	18.0
Stone, clay and glass products	8,696	D	338	3.7	D	1,531	15.0
Coke	3,689	D	1,050	22.2	D	279	7.0
Metals and products	7,499	D	613	7.6	D	458	5.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,396	I	553	4.0	D	7,023	32.8
Waste and scrap materials	6,009	I	294	5.1	D	2,198	26.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,670	D	2,679	50.1	D	814	23.4
All other carloads	57,119	I	7,410	14.9	D	11,292	16.5
LCL traffic	109	D	30	21.6	D	4	3.5
Total Cars Loaded	304,703	I	3,056	1.0	D	86,538	22.1

Corresponding week of 1985 301,647

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	10,042,564	10,119,269	D 0.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

26 Weeks ended June 28	439.7	443.4	D 0.8
Week ended July 5	14.0	14.1	D 0.7
27 weeks cumulative	453.7	457.5	D 0.8

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